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25X1 [REDACTED] 1. On 3 April 1952, the former Mohnert factory in Annaberg (N 51/K 73) was occupied by a unit whose personnel wore black-bordered red epaulets. About 180 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and armed with rifles and submachine guns marched toward Poehlborg. Truck [REDACTED] and motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen driving to, and from, the installation.

25X1 On 4 April 1952, the former boys' school on Voigtstrasse was occupied by a unit whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] On 3 April 1952, the barracks installation on Leninstrasse was occupied by a unit, whose personnel wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sixty-five men of this unit under the supervision of three officers were observed practicing combat training with rifles in the training area nearby. On 27 March, a second guard house and stall transformer plant were erected on the west side of the installation on Jungfernstieg. Guard personnel for the installation were furnished by the unit at the Mohnert factory. Truck [REDACTED] entered the installation. On 20 March, civilians evacuated buildings on Schumannstrasse and Damaschkestrasse and Soviet families who came from the overcrowded barracks installations moved in. By 5 p.m. on 29 March, about 1,200 soldiers had bathed in the municipal baths which during this time were guarded by two sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying fixed bayonets. (1)

25X1 [REDACTED] 2. On 27 March, the barracks installation on the southern perimeter of Johann-georgenstadt (N 51/K 51) was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. About 200 soldiers were drilling in small groups. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] driving to, and from, the installation. (2) On 27 March, the Neue Kaserne on the road to Eibenstock was occupied by a unit whose personnel wore black-bordered red epaulets. Fifty soldiers were practicing in the barracks yard and two groups each consisting of 1 officer and 30 to 35 soldiers with rifles left the installation. No vehicular traffic was observed there. (3) On 27 March, the former Heinz factory on the extension of Lindenstrasse, was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. About 200 soldiers were seen in the barracks yard and in the barracks buildings. Ten officers were seen sitting at writing tables in some offices. [REDACTED] that AA gun crews were quartered in this installation. Truck [REDACTED] and numerous vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1  
entered the installation. (4)

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3. During the period from 14 to 27 March 1952, [redacted] about 500 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets were quartered in a former factory building at the intersection of Lindenstrasse and Karl Marx Strasse. Trucks were parked in the sheds. On 27 March, 120 troops were drilling in four groups in the barracks yard. No vehicular traffic was noticed. (5) 25X1

4. On 24 March, the Kleine Kaserne in Aue (N 51/K 53) was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. A total of 120 men drilled in four groups in the barracks yard. One colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels, 3 majors and 25 other officers were seen there. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] and vehicles [redacted] were seen driving to, and from, the installation. (6) On 24 March, the Neue Kaserne on the Aue-Schwarzenberg road was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 18 March, 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 major and 27 other officers; and on 24 March, 10 officers and about 50 soldiers were seen. Trucks [redacted] and numerous vehicles [redacted] left the installation. (7) On 24 March, 25X1

a new military installation consisting mainly of a nine-story building was noticed on the Aue-Schneberg road northeast of the Kleine Kaserne. It was very heavily guarded. Some officers and about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets assembled in the yard. Five trucks were parked there. (8)

5. On 24 March, the former Kutscher factory north of the Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) railroad station was occupied to capacity by at least 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. [redacted] these troops served as guard personnel for the mines in the Schwarzenberg-Lauter-Neuwelt area. On 24 March, a unit consisting of 1 captain, 1 lieutenant, 10 NCOs and about 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets left the installation toward the town. One lieutenant, 6 NCOs and 20 soldiers entered the installation. About 30 soldiers were drilling in four groups in the yard. One colonel, 2 majors, 27 other officers and about 200 men were seen walking to, and from, the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] were seen driving to, and from, the installation. (9)

6. During the period from 19 to 29 March, an exchange of units stationed in the Restricted Areas 1 and 2 took place in Auerbach (N 51/K 33). Troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen in Restricted Area 2 and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets in Restricted Area 1 since about 22 March. [redacted] they were not new units. Firing of small arms and machine guns was heard daily from the woods behind Restricted Area 1. Personnel were seen in the yard of the installations rearranging their quarters. Trucks with four-digit numbers carrying ammunition boxes were seen proceeding to an ammunition dump in the woods behind Restricted Area 1. The dump was estimated to cover 100 x 200 meters area. Motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] and vehicles [redacted] were seen shuttling between the two restricted areas. (10) 25X1

[redacted] Comments. 25X1

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- 25X1 [redacted] The 1,200 troops seen in the municipal baths tally with the strength of the occupation assumed in Annaberg of about one NGB regiment and labor and transportation units.
- (2) This installation is carried as a barracks installation west of the town hall. Its occupation appears to be unchanged. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (3) [redacted] called this installation Internat I. In previous reports it has been referred to as the Kaserne at mine shaft No 6C. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (4) The information concerning the anti-aircraft personnel, presumably of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div in Chemnitz, stationed in the Heinz factory appears credible. In August 1951, [redacted] the troops located there were red-bordered black epaulets and had the strength of one regiment. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 (5) The installation referred to [redacted] is the Box furniture factory. In July 1951, [redacted] 300 NGB had been quartered there. See [redacted]
- 25X1 (6) In February 1952, [redacted] only 235 troops were located in the Kleine Kaserne, formerly the August Wellner factory. In 1949 and 1951, [redacted] the installation was occupied by only 300 troops. It is concluded that the occupation has been substantially increased. [redacted]
- 25X1 (7) The number of troops stationed in the Neue Kaserne, formerly Ernst Necker factory also increased. It is concluded from [redacted] service colors that the barracks installation is no longer occupied exclusively by NGB troops. 25X1
- 25X1 (8) In February 1952, [redacted] a barracks installation had been built 100 meters east of the Kleine Kaserne, formerly August Wellner factory. The nine-story building mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present report may be identical with this new building.
- (9) An NGB regiment is believed stationed in the former Kutscher factory in Schwarzenberg. No previous information is available on installations in the area of Lauter-Bonwelt north of Schwarzenberg. Reports in April 1951 tended to indicate that NGB companies committed south of Schwarzenberg belong to this regiment. Of those companies, one each is stationed in Antonstal on the road to Johann-Georgenstadt; in Antonshöhe, 1 km southeast of Antonstal; and in Grandorf, south of Arla. [redacted] 25X1
- (10) Since December 1951, [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] This information indicates that Restricted Area 1 is on the premises of a factory just southeast of the large brick-works on the northwest edge of Auerbach. The ammunition dump is about 1 km north of it and north of the Auerbach Oberer Bahnhof. Restricted Area 2 is east of Auerbach near Hill 523.1 south of the road to Brunn. [redacted] 25X1

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